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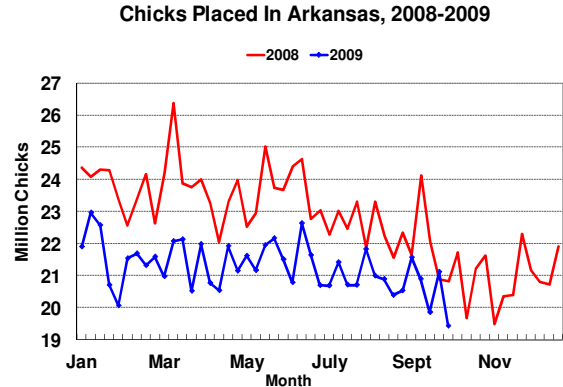
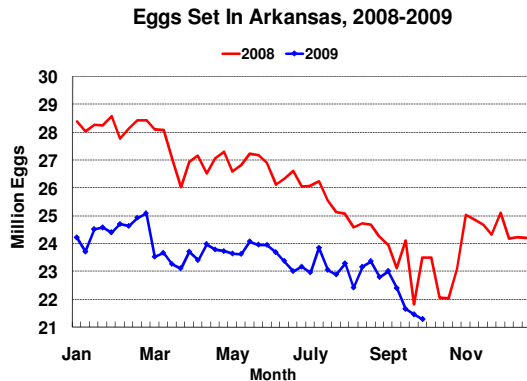


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 19.4 million during the week ending October 10, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 8 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 10, 2009, down 9 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, September 12, 2009 - October 10, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	10-Oct	12-Sep	19-Sep	26-Sep	3-Oct	10-Oct
<i>Thousand</i>										
Alabama	27,143	27,358 *	27,963	25,677	26,854	19,669	20,598	19,960	19,588	19,470
Arkansas	23,018	22,411 *	21,665 *	21,463	21,292	21,575	20,898	19,863 *	21,121	19,434
Delaware	3,289	3,218	3,376	2,942 *	3,276	5,153	4,335	4,763	4,715	3,882
Florida	900	902	1,144	1,331	1,330	648	661	669	664	700
Georgia	30,922	29,307	31,291	28,553	29,935	26,849	26,529 *	26,461	25,985	24,510
Kentucky	7,504	6,660 *	7,744	6,852	7,439	6,621 *	6,529 *	6,383 *	6,228 *	4,992
Louisiana	3,394	3,379	3,440 *	2,751 *	3,304	2,953	2,889 *	2,892	2,982	2,953
Maryland	8,180	7,786	8,621	8,172	8,440	5,256	6,387	5,824	4,950	5,198
Mississippi	17,872	17,563	15,581	16,789	17,095	15,799	15,456	14,724	15,549	15,276
N. Carolina	16,519	16,825 *	17,632	17,771	15,373	15,496	15,330	14,328	13,975	14,253
Oklahoma	6,565	6,773 *	6,245	6,842 *	7,086	4,824	4,934	4,915	4,560	5,202
Pennsylvania	3,890	3,626	3,681	3,980 *	3,849	2,983	3,285	3,173	3,134 *	2,905
S. Carolina	5,783	5,487	5,539	5,032	5,799	4,591	4,974	4,482	4,311	4,234
Texas	14,115 *	13,593 *	13,819 *	13,077 *	14,168	12,864 *	12,692 *	12,755 *	12,475 *	12,011
Virginia	5,918	5,792	6,005	5,754	6,041	5,172	4,653	4,456	5,109	5,001
CA,MO,TN & WV	17,618	17,235 *	17,790 *	17,287 *	18,375	15,273	15,718 *	15,802 *	14,599 *	16,145
19 State Total	192,630 *	187,915 *	191,536 *	184,273 *	189,656	165,726 *	165,868 *	161,450 *	159,945 *	156,166
Prev. Year Total	197,833	193,569	198,742	188,431	194,566	170,671	168,148	165,813	162,480	160,080
% of Prev. Year	97	97	96	98	97	97	99	97	98	98

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 10, 2009. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 10, 2009. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through October 10, 2009 were 6.86 billion, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.